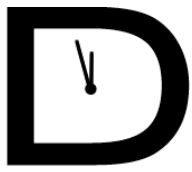


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To witness is to share the message.

To share is to believe someone needs to hear the message.

Acts 1:8 – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Our Christian witness consists of four separate areas. Jesus talked about them in Acts 1:8 according to who happens to be in your different realms of influence. Be a witness to:

1. Those immediately around you (Jerusalem – eg. Dawson Creek)
 - family, friends, co-workers, neighbours, those who live in your city.
 - *That is your **immediate** mission field.*
2. Those who live in your local area
 - Neighbors, co-workers, local rural communities (Judea – eg. Rolla, Fort St. John etc.)
 - *That is your **secondary** mission field.*
3. Those who you wouldn't normally reach out to, people outside your peer group, outside your daily business.
 - Other close towns, rural areas. (Samaria: 35mi or 11hr – eg. Edmonton, Prince George)
 - Cross culture experiences close at hand.
 - *That is your **third** mission field*
4. The rest of the world.
 - International Missions
 - *That is your **final** mission field.*

To be a witness across the world, you need to start at home. You can't just skip all the first rings of influence and go straight to uttermost parts of the earth. Because if you go to Nigeria to preach the the uttermost parts there, you'll find that it soon becomes your immediate realm, AKA your Jerusalem.

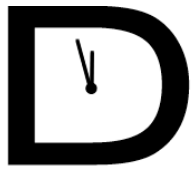
Some people go on missions trips across the world but never want to share their faith with an unsaved person they see everyday. Why is that?

Why do people not want to share the message of salvation with those immediately around them?

Maybe they don't know how. They need to explore HOW to be a witness.

But maybe they know HOW to be a witness but don't know WHY they should be a witness.

That's where we need to start. ***Why do we need to be a witness.***



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1. **Where** do I go to be a witness?

- i. What is your Jerusalem?
- ii. What is your Judea?
- iii. What is your Samaria?
- iv. What is your "uttermost parts of the world" ?

2. **How** do I be a witness?

- i. Luke 9:6
 - ii. Acts 8:25
 - iii. What are some methods used in history for evangelism?
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3. **Why** should I be a witness?

- i. Matthew 5:13-15
- ii. Matthew 28:18-20
- iii. Mark 16:15
- iv. Luke 12:8-12